

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006 - 11:00 A.M.
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents July Award Of Excellence.
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Big X Overpass Phase I Opens To Traffic - Ceremony Planned for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: "O" Street To Reopen To Traffic Wednesday.

II. DIRECTORS

LIBRARY

1. The Library Board of Trustees, Lincoln City Libraries, recently updated its bylaws: - 'By-Laws Of The Lincoln Library Board'.

PLANNING

1. Letter from Brian Will to Mike Johnson, Olsson Associates - RE: HiMark Estates 13th Addition - Final Plat #06049-Generally located at South 90th Street & Sawgrass Drive.
2. Letter from Brian Will to Mike Johnson, Olsson Associates - RE: Pioneer Woods 7th Addition-Final Plat #06050-Generally located at South 70th Street & Pioneers Blvd.
3. Letter from Brian Will to Mike Johnson, Olsson Associates - RE: Pioneer Greens 7th Addition-Final Plat #06051-Generally located at South 84th Street & Pioneers Blvd.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. ADVISORY - RE: Water Capital Improvement Project #700275- "L" Street; 6th to 9th.

III. CITY CLERK

1. Letter & Signatures presented by Mark Hunzker at today's open mike session-Formal Council Meeting of 8/14/06 - RE: Train horns vicinity of 44th & Cornhusker.

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

ANNETTE McROY

1. Request to Harry Kroos, Public Works & Utilities Dept.-Sidewalks - RE: Sidewalk Repair (RFI#172 - 8/17/06).

PATTE NEWMAN

1. Request to Larry Worth, StarTran/Karl Fredrickson, Public Works/Steve Hubka, Budget Officer - RE: City bus drivers (RFI#40 - 8/09/06). — **1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM LARRY WORTH, STARTRAN RECEIVED ON RFI#40 - 8/16/06.**

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Alan Dorland - RE: Mayors Ordinance a BAD IDEA-Gun Control (Council received copies of this E-Mail on 8/14/06 before Council Meeting)
2. E-Mail from Maggie Higgins - RE: Hang In There! - the budget.
3. E-Mail from Ronald Case - RE: The City Budget.
4. E-Mail from Jim Vaughn - RE: City Council Meeting on 8/14/06 - Gun Bills.
5. Faxed Letter from Rob Sahs - RE: Relating to possession of Firearms - (Council received copies of this letter on 8/14/06 before Council Meeting).

6. Faxed Letter from Amy Evans, Executive Director, Friendship Home - RE: Strong Support for Resolution 06-140, amending Section 9.36.100 of the Lincoln Municipal Code-relating to the unlawful possession of firearms- (Council received copies of this letter on 8/14/06 before Council Meeting).
7. E-Mail from Sandy Anderson - RE: Mosquito spraying.
8. E-Mail from Richard Kelly - RE: Conceal & carry restrictions.
9. E-Mail from Daniel Longley - RE: Conceal & carry restrictions.
10. E-Mail from LeRoy Penlerick - RE: Concealed weapons.
11. E-Mail from Sharon Eilers - RE: DUIs & Gun Permits Don't Mix!
12. E-Mail from Mary Jo Schlotfeld - RE: Gun Ordinance.
13. E-Mail from Ed Cecil - RE: Budget Comments.
14. E-Mail from Paul Haith - RE: Budget Comments.
15. Letter & Report from Larry Potratz, Lincoln Housing Authority - RE: The REOMA (Real Estate Owners & Managers Association) Proposal For Additional Payments In Lieu Of Taxes - August 10, 2006.
16. E-Mail from Karl Kollmorgen - RE: Budget.
17. Letter from Dan Kurtzer, President, Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association to Karl Fredrickson, Public Works & Utilities Director - RE: Thank your staff for their professional conduct during the planning and budgeting process of 2006. Supports your department on the increases of the landfill tipping fees that you have planned.
18. Letter & Material from Linda Schrock - RE: Southwest Wastewater Treatment Facility Study.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 14, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

MAYOR PRESENTS JULY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for July to Officer John Amen of the Lincoln Police Department (LPD). The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

Officer Amen has been employed with LPD since September 1985. He was nominated in the category of productivity by Police Sergeant Joseph Wright. Wright said in his nomination that Officer Amen felt that officers were spending too much time filling out the accident reports by hand. Amen knew that if the reports could be computerized in some fashion, officers could do more work in less time and the reports would be easier to read.

"John Amen took it upon himself to design a template for each page of our state accident report and load the templates into the computers at our department's work stations," wrote Wright in his nomination. "John also scanned the diagrams of all the major intersections for the eastern half of the City into our computers making accurate pre-drawn pictures available to all officers. When investigating an accident, officers are now able to go to any computer at the Police substations and type in the information required by the State, quickly tabbing from field-to-field. Officers can keystroke the narrative portion of the report and then find the intersection where the accident occurred and drag the diagram onto the back of the report."

"Fellow officers who have begun to regularly use John's system tell me they can complete four accident reports in the time to that it normally took them to finish one," Wright continued in his nomination. "This is a 200 percent increase in productivity. Our Duty Commanders who review our reports enjoy the neatness and professional look of the new reports, fewer errors are made and the reports go to our Records Unit in a more timely fashion.

According to Sergeant Wright, Officer Amen spent countless hours of his own time to make one of the most time-consuming parts of the street officer's job become much easier. Wright feels that Officer Amen's hard work has dramatically increased officer work performance and productivity, as well as increased accuracy of the data reported to the State.

"A happy consequence of John's effort to make his fellow officer's job easier is our Department, as a whole, looks much more professional and efficient. When a citizen comes to our Records Unit or visits our web page to retrieve a copy of an accident report, they see a computer generated form which, in terms of legibility and quality, has no equal anywhere in our state.

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The other categories in which employees can be nominated are loss prevention, safety, customer relations and valor. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected officials and some managers. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.



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Kelly Bartling, UNL University Communications, 472-2059

Mike Mascoe, Lower Platte South NRD, 476-2729

BIG X OVERPASS PHASE 1 OPENS TO TRAFFIC

Ceremony Planned For 5:30 p.m. Wednesday

A portion of the Antelope Valley project, the Big X overpass, will open to traffic Wednesday evening. The Big X is located south of the Bob Devaney Sports Center. When complete, the Big X will serve as the elevated road connecting two new arterial streets.

The north and west legs of the elevated intersection will open on Wednesday, August 16, with a ceremony planned to celebrate its completion. The ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the top of the elevated roadway structure. South leg construction is scheduled for completion by November. Construction is scheduled to begin on the east leg in 2008.

Lincoln Mayor Coleen Seng, who served on the City Council for 16 years prior to her election as Mayor, has been a leader in the Antelope Valley Project from the beginning. Her knowledge of the underlying needs, coupled with her understanding of the community's older neighborhoods, shaped the open and inclusive process by which the project was designed.

"The Antelope Valley Project is reshaping the City's center," said Mayor Seng. "The project is strengthening Lincoln and unlocking new opportunities for private investment and job creation. This project will have a dramatic positive impact on the future growth of Lincoln."

"The three overarching goals for the Antelope Valley project are flood prevention and control, traffic flow improvements and community redevelopment," said UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman. "UNL benefits from all three. Of course, the major benefit to UNL is that 50 acres on the east edge of the downtown campus will be removed from the floodplain. This allows us to make progress on planned expansion of research facilities in this area. A prime example of this is seen in the acquisition of the Textron property, for which a number of future uses have been identified. Additionally, once the 19th Street portion is completed, a significant amount of traffic will be rerouted from the campus core, improving internal pedestrian safety and allowing us more flexibility in land use."

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“Reducing the flood risk from Antelope Creek through the center of Lincoln has been a priority of the Natural Resources District for many years,” said Glenn Johnson, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District General Manager. “This project, with assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is making that happen. The first phase of the flood control component is complete, the next phase is 50 percent complete and federal funding prospects for next year are excellent to continue the flood control work.”

Wednesday’s ceremony will include Chancellor Perlman, Mayor Seng, Johnson, as well as Congressman Jeff Fortenberry.

Parking for the media will be available on the structure. Others are encouraged to park in the UNL lot south of Court Street and west of 17th Street. A shuttle will be available to take individuals to the top of the elevated roadway structure. For information about event logistics, contact LaDawn Capek Sperling at (303) 710-5817.



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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 15, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Holly Lionberger, Engineering Services, 441-8400

Larry Duensing, Public Works and Utilities, 441-8401

“O” STREET TO REOPEN TO TRAFFIC WEDNESDAY

“O” Street from 44th to 52nd Street, is scheduled to open to traffic on Wednesday, August 16 at noon. This phase of the project is nine days ahead of the contract date.

Although the street is open to traffic, motorists can expect partial lane closures along “O” Street as grading along the roadway, the finishing of retaining walls and landscaping for the medians is completed. These partial lane closures will continue until the end of the year. Specific construction lane closures will be detailed on the project Web site at lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: ostreet.

On Thursday, August 17, traffic on 48th Street is scheduled to shift to the new east lanes between “R” and “O” streets to begin construction on the west side. Traffic has already shifted to the east lanes from “O” to “M” streets to allow construction of the west half of the “O” Street intersection.

With the traffic shift on 48th Street, access to the businesses along the west side of 48th Street will change. Drivers can use “O” Street, “R” Street or 46th Street to reach businesses in this area. Completion of 48th Street is anticipated by late November. Directions to these businesses as well as other project information can be found on the project Web site.

BY-LAWS OF THE LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD

ARTICLE I NAME

The Library Board of the Lincoln City Libraries shall be officially referred to as The Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as "Board".

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The Board is an administrative board of the library of the City of Lincoln. It works to support the mission of the library through the efficient use of funds, support adequate funding for library services and promote the best use of all library resources.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

- Section 1. The Officers of the Board shall be a President, a Vice-President, a treasurer, who shall be members of the Board, with the Director of Libraries serving as Secretary to the Board
- Section 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board, to appoint Board members to Standing Committees, Ad Hoc or Special Committees, and to perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe.
- Section 3. In the event of the death, resignation, or inability of the President to serve, the Vice-President shall assume the office of President for the balance of the unexpired term.
- Section 4. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the Board in the absence of the President. Should both the President and Vice-President be absent from any meeting of the Board, the immediate past president shall preside. Should the President, Vice-President and immediate past president be absent from the meeting, the Treasurer shall preside, but should more than one of these positions be held by the same Board member, the most senior Board member in terms of service shall preside.
- Section 5. The Treasurer shall be the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, shall review and report on all claims, and advise the Board on fiscal matters. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President shall designate a member of the Board to perform such duties.
- Section 6. All funds set apart for the use of the Library shall be drawn upon and paid out by the Treasurer of the City of Lincoln upon written request signed by the President and the Secretary of the Board, who shall sign such request following a vote of the Board approving said payment; except, however,

the Board may enact standing orders allowing the President and Secretary of the Board to sign a written request for payment prior to review by the Board for payment in specific circumstances. The standing order shall include a provision that the Treasurer of the Board shall report all such payments to the Board at each regularly scheduled meeting.

- Section 7. The Director of Libraries, as Secretary to the Board, shall maintain and act as custodian of records of the Board, be responsible for communications and reports, provide clerical support, and perform such other duties as the Board may direct. In the absence of the Secretary, any Board member may, by motion, be appointed to act as Secretary pro tempore.

ARTICLE IV TERMS OF OFFICE AND ELECTIONS

The Officers (President, Vice-President and Treasurer) shall be elected annually for a term of one year beginning on September 1. The election shall be held at the regular meeting in July of each year. All officers shall serve until their successors assume office.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- Section 1. Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the Tuesday following the second Wednesday of each month. If circumstances make it prudent and necessary in any one month, the regular meeting of the Board may be rescheduled with the approval of at least four members of the Board, following notification of all seven Board members.
(a) The Board shall schedule at least one Board meeting during each year to be held in each of the four quadrant libraries.
(b) A minimum of four of the Board meetings scheduled each year shall be an evening meeting scheduled after normal daytime working hours.
- Section 2. Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President, or when a request is made to the President by three Board members.
- Section 3. Notice of Meetings: The Board shall comply with the Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska.
- Section 4. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of any four Board members at any meeting of the Board.
- Section 5. In the absence of a quorum, the Board shall meet at its next regularly scheduled meeting unless a special meeting is called.
- Section 6. Public Comment: The Board may formulate reasonable rules and regulations for persons attending and speaking at public meetings in accordance to the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska. These

rules and regulations shall be incorporated into the Public Comment Policy, which will be posted and available at all meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE VI STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The following standing committees shall be appointed by the President no later than the September Board meeting. Each committee shall consist of at least two Board members. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- (a) Committee on Finance (This committee shall consist of three members - the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and one other Board member, who may be the President of the Board or appointed by the President. It shall be chaired by the Treasurer.)
 - (b) Committee on Administration (This committee shall consist of the President and the two most senior members of the Board in terms of term expiration date)
 - (c) Committee on Buildings and Grounds
 - (d) Committee on Nominations
- Section 2. Special Committees may be created to handle specific matters, with the President appointing the Chairperson and committee members.
- Section 3. The term of membership on committees shall expire no later than August 31.
- Section 4. Meetings: Committee meetings shall be called by the Chairperson or the President. The Secretary shall notify each committee member of the meeting. A majority of the committee members shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 5. A report by each committee shall be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Section 1. Committee on Finance: This Committee shall have the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board on fiscal matters, including but not limited to, keeping records, allocating expenditures to budget divisions, and reviewing the budget request for presentation to the Board. This committee shall meet quarterly to review the budget performance as it pertains to goals and expenditures.
- Section 2. Committee on Administration: This Committee shall have the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board on matters relating to library policy and procedure and personnel. The Committee shall make recommendations regarding the acceptance of gifts and the entering into of contracts referred to it by operation of Article VIII
- Section 3. Committee on Buildings and Grounds: This Committee shall have the

responsibility for making recommendations to the Board on matters relating to all physical property (except library collections), including maintenance and repair of all library properties, and an annual plan for capital improvements.

- Section 4. Committee on Nominations: This Committee shall have the responsibility to present a slate of nominees for President, Vice-President and Treasurer no later than the July Board meeting.

ARTICLE VIII DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

- Section 1. The Director of Libraries: The Board shall select and appoint the Director of Libraries at a salary to be determined by the Board, subject to the applicable ordinances, rules and policies governing City personnel.
- Section 2. Duties of the Director: The Director of Libraries shall be charged with the administration and management of the Library as more specifically set forth in the current position description. In addition, the Director of Libraries shall be the appointing authority for the Library and shall be responsible for the care and safekeeping of all Library property under the regulations, directions and policies of the Board. The Director of Libraries shall make a written report prior to each regular meeting of the Board, describing the activities of the Library during the previous month. This shall be filed as a permanent record.
- Section 3. The Board may enact standing orders authorizing the Director of Libraries to enter into contracts and perform other functions as specified. A standing order to enter into contracts shall include a provision that the Director of Libraries shall report all such contracts to the Board at each regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE IX LIBRARY FUND

All money received by the Board shall be paid to the City Treasurer and shall be held in the appropriate Library fund to be used only for the purposes approved by the Board.

ARTICLE X ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Public Comment on Agenda Items Approval of minutes of previous meeting
Reports from Standing Committees Reports from Special Committees Old Business
New Business Report from President Report from Director of Libraries Public Comment

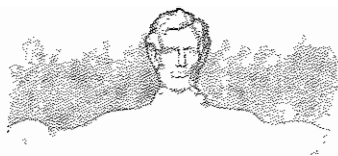
ARTICLE XI POWERS OF THE BOARD

The Board shall have the power to establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Lincoln Municipal Code. These By-Laws for the government of the Library, and the care and preservation of all Library properties.

ARTICLE XII BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting by the affirmative vote of five members of the Board, provided notice has been given at the last regular meeting before the proposed amendment is presented for consideration, and the amendment proposed is placed on file with the Secretary. No amendment shall be effective until reported to the City Council and a copy is filed with the City Clerk.

Adopted February 1, 1916
Revised June 14, 1979
Revised May 18, 1999
Revised May 15, 2001
Revised November 20, 2001
Revised August 23, 2005
Revised July 18, 2006



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Pursuant to § 26.11.060(d) of the Lincoln Municipal Code, this approval may be appealed to the Planning Commission and any decision of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a letter of appeal within 14 days of the action being appealed. The plat will be recorded with the Register of Deeds after the appeal period has lapsed (date + 14 days), and the recording fee and signed subdivision agreement have been received.

Sincerely,



Brian Will
Planner

xc: Guardian Homes, 2200 North Cotner, Lincoln, NE 68504
Bryan Bulow, 3216 South 76th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506
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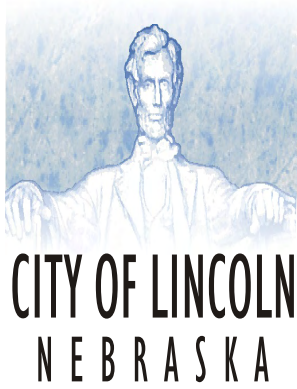
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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

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Water Capital Improvement Project #700275 “L” Street; 6th to 9th

The City of Lincoln Public Works Department, Engineering Services Division would like to advise you that a bid for the utility construction has been awarded to K2 Construction. This private contractor plans to start on “L” Street on Tuesday, August 15, 2006.

The installation of the replacement water main is going to be installed on the north side of “L” Street. There will be times while the main is being installed that you will not be able to access your driveway. After the installation is complete, the new main has to be tested and chlorinated before the services are transferred. The area will then be cleaned up and pavement, driveways, and sidewalks will be replaced. “L” Street from 6th to 7th will be entirely overlaid with new asphalt.

The length of the construction period is a concern to most people. Unfortunately Nebraska’s uncertain weather, combined with the complexity of the construction work, will dictate the amount of time the work will take. However, the Sunday Journal-Star does run a list of street closings along with a probable opening date for the street.

While the City has contracted with a private firm to do the work, a City of Lincoln Project Manager will be overseeing the project to ensure that the work is done properly and as quickly as possible. Should you have any questions, you may contact Steven Faust with the City of Lincoln, Engineering Services Division at 441 - 8413 or Tom Rogge with K2 Construction at 467 - 2355.

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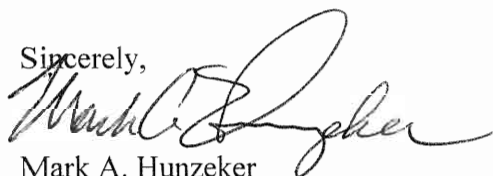
Dear Mayor Seng, Chairperson Newman, Karl & Roger:

As you know, noise from train horns has become a major problem for residents and businesses I the Cornhusker Highway / BNSF Railroad corridor. On Tuesday, July 25th, we met with a large contingent of homeowners and business owners in the vicinity of 44th & Cornhusker.

The strong consensus of the people in attendance was that they wanted to pursue immediate relief from the noise. To that end, we enclose Petitions signed by area residents and property owners requesting that the 44th Street rail crossing be closed temporarily and that the railroad be notified of such closure in order to eliminate the need for train horns to be sounded as the approach that crossing.

We also request that the study of creating a "quiet zone" in this area be expedited, that all measures necessary to institute a "quiet zone" in this corridor be taken, and 44th Street reopened as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Hunzeker
For the Firm

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Enclosures

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Pierson, Fitchett, Hunzeker, Blake & Katt

TO: Mayor Coleen Seng
 City Council
 Department of Public Works & Utilities
 Railroad Transportation Safety District

The undersigned hereby request that North 44th Street, from Cornhusker Highway to the south side of the BNSF Railroad crossing be temporarily closed and that the BNSF Railroad be notified of such temporary closure in order to eliminate the need for train horns to be sounded as trains approach that crossing.

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George A Harrison	4300 Cornhusker L-1
Kristi Long	4300 Cornhusker H14
Mark Hoffman	4300 Cornhusker Hwy # G2
Charles Mattheis	4300 Cornhusker Hwy # J2
Timothy Spencer	4300 Cornhusker Hwy # N3
Tom Miller	4300 Cornhusker Hwy Apt. N3
William Z. J. Jr.	4300 Cornhusker Hwy Apt. F-13
Robt Hoffman	4315 Coffey Ave
Richard George	4300 Cornhusker Hwy B6
Mike Wulfsberg	4300 Cornhusker Hwy 22
Jeanie Kunkel	4300 Cornhusker Hwy E5
Jeff Addison	4300 Cornhusker J-12
Don Sims	4314 Cornhusker C-1
Neil Brun	4300 Cornhusker E4
Marie L. Cook	4300 Cornhusker E-3.
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Ryan Henry	1010 Maratt Street Lincoln NE 68521
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Michael Phillips	4300 Cornhusker A8
Eniel J. Miller	4800 N. 15 th St #106
Sara Maresko	4800 N. 15 th St #106
Adam Fairbanks	4300 Cornhusker Fl
Jinda Becker	4300 Cornhusker Fl
Allen Chandler	4301 Edison Cr.
Larry Snell	4300 Edison Cr #6
LS Mann	4104 Edison Cr #6
Nana Barry	4301 Edison Cr #3
Barry Schneider	4301 Edison Cr #3
BETH Singleton	4201 Edison Cr #5
Chris	4201 Edison
D. Suter	4321 Edison Cr
Wendy Ritter	4333 Edison Cr.
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Brad Crang	4503 Adams
Gingie Crang	" "
William Boyd	4509 Adams
M. Zuerch	4539 Adams
Michelle Nicholson	4530 Adams
John Nicholson	4530 Adams
Ray Strawn	4531 Adams
Carolyn Gier	4545 Adams St. Lincoln NE
Dean Gier	4545 Adams
Heckler	4610 Adams
Belares Johnson	4628 Adams
Person	4714 Adams
David Littrell	4826 Adams
Francine Adalfe	4826 Adams
Thomas	4630 Adams
Steve Seng	4934 Adams
Hauptman	5002 Adams

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5 Sutton	4337 Edison
4441 Edison Cr.	
4440 Colfax #9	
4300 Colfax Ave.	
440 Colfax Lincoln	
4011 Colfax Ave. Lincoln	
4020 Colfax Ave	
4021 Colfax Ave	
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Chloe Alford	2380 N 44
Carrie Rumburg	2380 N 44 # 6
Jennifer Mannin	2380 No. 44 # 11
S. Bond	2384 N 44
S. Garcia	2384 N 44 # 16
JKS	2384 N 44 # 17
Cory Goetsch	2384 N 44 # 21
Tom Luther	2441 N 44 # 21
G. Hays	2441 N 44 # 24
A. O'Brien	2441 N 44 # 11
Ch. Voss	2441 N 44 # 22
Dale Moller	2441 N 44 # 3
Tim Moke	2621 N 44 # 22
Cheryl Nielsen	2903 N 44
Scott Hiltgen	2903 N 44
Jason Roberts	2917 N 44 2nd floor
Ruth Knight	2925 N 44

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Suzanne Lavelle	4831 Calfax
Wendy Tangmeyer	4843 Calfax
Doreen Carder	4845 Calfax Ave
M. Greening	4847 Calfax Ave
Harold Mellich	4915 Calfax Ave
Deland Gilloch	4915 Calfax
Lisa Payne	4835 Fremont
James Spidel	4891 Fremont
Crystal Miller	4915 Fremont
Ron Sollons	3615 N 44 #4
Peter Coker	3615 N 44 #1
George Whitting	2344 N 44 #13
Charles Seale	2344 N 44 #15
Cheryl Weston	2344 N 44 #20
S. [unclear]	2344 N 44 #15
Paula Meriman	2344 N 44 #13

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Louise Gergens	4100 Adams
Lee Gergens	4100 Adams
Sandra Dodd	4107 Adams St.
Shirley Dodd	4107 Adams St.
Thyllis Allen	4130 Adams St.
Gary Allen	" "
John Jackson	4142 Adams
Bret Chauger	4145 Adams
Rynn Runkel	4105 Adams
Alfred Leifer	4210 Adams
Susan Watts	4220 Adams
Lewod Watts	4220 Adams
Grace Babig	4344 Adams Street
Sam Markham	4342 Adams
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David Spangler	2939 N 44 th
Brett Colbey	2949 N 44
Margaret D. Erb	3021 N 44 # 44
Jon Erb	3021 N 44 # 44
Missink	3141 N 44 Lincoln
John Green	3201 N 44
B. O'Hare	3215 N 44 th
Christine Hedges	3220 N 44 th
M. Sheldon	3220 N 44 th
K. Knaub	3225 N 44 th
Pete Berger	3240 N 44 th
Francis Liberty	3331 N 44 th
J. Jones	3340 N 44 th
R. Acker	3615 N 44
Deborah Reynolds	3120 Adams Tr. 33
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Pat McWilliams	4300 Cornhusker Hwy L-4
Marcia Love	4300 Cornhusker Hwy JS
Shirley Nandorff	4300 Cornhusker Hwy JS
Monty Kern	4300 Cornhusker Hwy H4
Barry P. Jekel	4300 Cornhusker Hwy H3
Wanda S. Jekel	4300 Cornhusker F2
Christi Hermes	4300 Cornhusker A2
Quelley Miller	4300 Cornhusker L6
Amber Hopkins	4300 Cornhusker Hwy A7
Teri Langston	4300 Cornhusker A6
Robert Ludwig	4300 Cornhusker AS
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Candice Beachler	300 Cornhusker Hwy # 25
Abbie Hyken	4300 Cornhusker # C3
Aaron Pathe	4300 Cornhusker # 12
Scott Shidler	4300 Cornhusker # 11
Cheryl Jooz	4300 Cornhusker # 8
Christina Leach	4300 Cornhusker K1
Kyle Dill	4300 Cornhusker K1
Peter Revell	4300 Cornhusker K2
Sheena Stueper	4300 Cornhusker K2
Emily Orholt	4300 Cornhusker K3
Lisa Wolfe	4300 Cornhusker K7
Julie Coakill	4300 Cornhusker K9
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M. DeBorja	Cornhusker L1 (4300)
Tammy Kuhfahl	4300 Cornhusker L10
Doreel Kuhfahl	" "
MAEGAN POLICKY	4300 CORNHUSKER L9
ANDREA MCFARLING	4300 CORNHUSKER L9
Ken Mahr	4300 Cornhusker L7
Jaren Chaves	4300 Cornhusker Hwy L5
Ken Nakada	4300 Cornhusker L3
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Dore Keefe	4033 Turn St 68504
Virginia Wood	4041 N. 40 68504
Robert Wood	4041 N 40 68504
Robert Johnson	4101 N. 40 Lincoln Neb 68504
Sally Schmiedig	4101 N 40 Lincoln Mo 68504
Richard H. Zinner	4021 Frederick Cr 68504
Darryl Beckler	4011 Frederick Cr 68504
Barbara Dameswood	4010 Frederick Cr 68504
John Beckler	4011 Frederick Cr 68504
Debbie Keifer	4025 N. 40 th
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Star	4720 Gladstone Lincoln DE
Dolken Burman	4712 Gladstone
Adria Padua	4734 Gladstone Ave.
Louis Luwelle	3329 N. 48 th St.
Joyce Bult	3333 N. 48 th St.
Hoyd W. Jones	4730 Gladstone
Joanne La Fletto	3400 No 42 nd
Margie Jones	3405 N. 47 th
Deb Lind	4626 Gladstone
Tom Hansen	4618 Gladstone
Joe Wong	1434 N 46 St
April Caples	41043 Gladstone St.
Luke Kern	3341 N 44 th St
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Hellen Wollers	4141 Greenwood St.
Norma Wollers	4140 Greenwood
Mama Thun	4140 Greenwood
XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Teresa Cunningham	4135 Greenwood St.

I didn't have time to go around neighbors till midday

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John C. Kelly	4606 Colfax Cir
Tim Kelly	4606 Colfax Cir
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<i>Jeff C. Ernst</i>	<i>3400 N. 45th ST Linc.</i>

FROM: Patte Newman RFI#40

DATE: August 9, 2006

TO: Larry Worth, StarTran Director
Karl Fredrickson, Public Works & Utilities Director
Steve Hubka, Budget Officer

Last night a member of the ATU mentioned a lag in time for hiring bus drivers impacting the amount of overtime that department pays out. Are absences due to sick leave, injury leave or other reasons? What kind of numbers are we looking at on an annual basis?

1. Has this ever been discussed by management and the unions as helping ease OT hours?
2. Are there numbers to check this out, i.e. can you give us average number of bus drivers and total salaries paid and OT hours and amounts paid out over the past five or ten years to show trends?
3. Is hiring an additional two or three drivers to have on staff something worthy of further analysis as a possible cost savings idea? Is there any easy way to crunch the numbers to see?

Thank you!

No rush for an answer. Just something I wondered about.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Patte Newman - City Council
From: Larry Worth - StarTran Transit Manager
Date: August 15, 2006
Subject: PNewman RFI #40
cc: Karl Fredrickson, Steve Hubka, Don Taute



This memo responds to RFI #40 regarding paid overtime by StarTran to ATU-represented employees. Please note, as indicated by me at our July 10, 2006 department budget meeting with City Council and by Mr. Helms at the August 7, 2006 City Council Meeting, public transit service is unique in that the "bus driver seat must be occupied" on all scheduled trips. So even though the assigned driver may be ill, injured, vacationing, or any other type of leave, someone else must drive that assigned service, many times being paid overtime to do so. StarTran is authorized nine "extra" drivers to perform such fill-in driving duties, however the level of leave utilized by drivers is such that significant overtime is necessary to supplement the hours of driving performed by the "extra" drivers.

The following are the questions in RFI #40, with responses...

- A lag in time for hiring bus drivers impacting the amount of overtime that department pays out. — While such does result in some overtime, it is not significant, as only 5-6 drivers leave each year, some of whom are retiring and thus afford us several weeks of lead time to "overhire" and complete a substantial portion of the replacements employment/training time before leaving. StarTran "overhires", with the cooperation and approval of the Budget Division and Personnel Department, as soon as a driver gives notice of leaving, in order to minimize the employment and training period. At the maximum, our experience has been that the recruitment, testing, interviewing, and hiring of bus drivers generally is completed within about six weeks and then once hired, a driver must successfully complete a six-week training period before securing a commercial drivers license and driving alone. An eligibility list is established as a result of the employment processes, and is utilized when possible, eliminating the initial six-week employment time period. Therefore, as noted above some overtime is a result of the "lag" but the "overhiring" significantly reduces the time for replacement of bus operators.
- Are absences due to sick leave, injury leave or other reasons? What kind of numbers are we looking at on an annual basis? — The following are reasons for driver absences for which overtime is paid....
 - ✓ Sick leave
 - ✓ Injury Leave
 - ✓ FMLA
 - ✓ Vacation/PCH
 - ✓ Funeral Leave
 - ✓ Worker's Comp
 - ✓ Authorized Unpaid Leave
 - ✓ Union Time
 - ✓ Military Leave
 - ✓ Jury Duty

The following is overtime cost by fiscal year...

2000-01 — \$186,273
2001-02 — \$241, 805
2002-03 — \$289,492
2003-04 — \$283,658
2004-05 — \$353,030
2005-06 — (estimated) \$320,000

For context, in 2004-05 the above cost constituted approximately 14,000 overtime hours. In 2005, ATU employees had a total of paid leave hours (compilation of just the funeral, military, sick, injury and jury leaves) of 8,048 hours (equal to almost four FTE's).

- Has this ever been discussed by management and the unions as helping ease OT hours? — This issue is addressed periodically, usually during labor contract negotiations, by ATU representatives, and Personnel and StarTran staffs. Since August, 2003, the ATU labor agreement has contained a Sick Leave Incentive, effective January, 2001, for non-use of sick leave by ATU employees. Those ATU employees who use less than 16 hours of sick leave during a calendar year receive payment into their PEHP premium account. In 2005, fifteen ATU employees earned this incentive. However, as a group all ATU employees utilized an average of 83.55 hours of sick leave per person (out of a maximum 96 hours earned) in 2005. Therefore, the 93 ATU employees utilized 7,770 hours of sick leave in 2005, over half of the number of the above-referenced overtime hours in F.Y. 2004-05.
- Are there numbers to check this out, i.e. can you give us average number of bus drivers and total salaries paid, and OT hours and amounts paid out over the past five or ten years to show trends? — The average number of bus operators has remained essentially unchanged over the past five years, with overtime cost during this period indicated above. Detailed analysis by type of leave has not, but could be compiled, however, we have observed that the availability, and utilization of FMLA since 2000-01 has been a significant reason for additional leave and resultant additional overtime. Overtime also varies each year based on the number of long-term illnesses and injuries.
- Is hiring an additional two or three drivers to have on staff something worthy of further analysis as a possible cost savings idea? Is there any easy way to crunch the numbers to see? — As noted above, transit systems utilize “extra” drivers and overtime to insure adequate substitute staffing to provide all scheduled and assigned bus services. StarTran is authorized nine “extra” drivers and budgets overtime (\$396,000 for F.Y. 2006-07) for this purpose. We have found that transit systems vary, sometimes significantly, from this ratio of “extra” drivers versus overtime, with no consistent industry-wide standard in use. Numbers-wise, the cost of 2,080 annual pay hours as straight-time (an FTE driver) is about \$4,000 less than the 2,080 hours paid at overtime. However, concern has been expressed to proposals to add FTE staff, and the use of overtime affords greater flexibility in work assignments. This issue will be addressed as part of the Transit Development Program Study now underway.

Please advise if any questions or if additional information is needed.



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Subject Mayors Ordinance a BAD IDEA

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One other thing I've noticed in regard to the ordinance being proposed by our Mayor and Chief of Police ...

Although being touted as an ordinance which would "strengthen" the concealed-carry legislation, the ordinance is written to prohibit POSSESSION of a firearm - concealed or otherwise. If passed, the ordinance would also prohibit possession within a citizens home.

This ordinance is a BAD IDEA and needs to be rejected by the Council. Please, please vote against it!

Thank you,
Alan Dorland, Lincoln



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Subject Hang In There

Dear City Council Members:

It is my duty as a citizen to encourage, assist and yes, even criticize when I feel it is necessary. However, that does not give me the right to verbally abuse my elected representatives, even when if I am most frustrated.

You have been through a very grueling budget review process. Early on, I had my doubts if you could or would make drastic cuts in the budget. You have done a very good job. Other people, if on the council, may have made different cuts, but YOU HAVE TRIED AND DONE YOUR BEST. Hang in there, it is not over until it is over. I can only imagine the pressures that are being put upon you by every side. Your constituent base/taxpayer will be ever so grateful that you stood your ground.

As a taxpayer, I expect the government to do what I can not do. However, I know that there are times, when I must be patience and realize that the government can not or should not take care of all my needs.

Bottom line, do what you know is the right thing to do for the taxpayer. If you do that you will be able to look in the mirror each morning and know that you have served well. Thank you for your service to this community.

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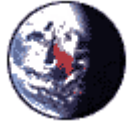
Comment or Question:

I was disappointed with Councilman Svoboda's letter on the editorial page in today's LJS. Obviously, that letter was written prior to the LJS' editorial on Sunday. The Council did a VERY poor job of getting the public to understand the budget. One exception that I am familiar with was Patte Newman's information to her monthly meeting with citizens.

Why did the Mayor's budget take nearly all the heat? If that wasn't politically motivating and self-servicing to some councilpersons, I don't know what it was. The City's budget is much smaller than the School budget, and, if I recall correctly, similar to that of the county. The School used about 74% of the additional monies generated by new property valuations. They were lauded by the LIBA "pitbull" Coby Mack. The county used about 47% of the additional monies and slid under the radar. The City used only 29% of the new monies and caught all sorts of flack. And, many council persons were flagellating the Mayor's proposed budget as being too expensive! I can only surmise that those who thought the mayor's budget was out of sight were highly influenced by LIBA (don't tell me the public--IF you had done your job of informing folks, the public would have realized they were misinformed).

Additionally, Mr. Svoboda's letter kept pushing more disinformation (= lies) concerning the housing market and local builders. This is NOT a local phenomenon. Why blame it on the Mayor, planning department, or impact fees? Again, I can only surmise those who support Svodboda's position are in the hip pocket of builders.

Finally, so I don't seem to be too partisan in my critique, I am disappointed in Councilman Cook's personal vendetta with the traffic engineer. It would really be nice to have the Council look out for the interests of all citizens of the city. Certainly, your district should have a major influence, but how many of you have the foggiest idea of what your district wants? Perhaps more of you should have regular meetings with your constituents to find out.



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Subject City Council Meeting - Gun Bills

To Members of City Council,

I listened to part of the city council meetings on 8-14-06. If I understand the two bills that the Mayor and Chief Cassidy have proposed, it excludes policeman.

How can this be, when in the Chief's own words, he states the reason for excluding people that have been convicted of the crimes set forth in the bill, are that they are not law abiding since they broke the law, and can not be trusted with a gun.

Why are we to believe that a policeman would have more moral character to act proper with a gun than anyone else? Because they have more training? Who's to say how much training the civilian has. I've seen, and met policemen that are for the lack of better words, gun happy.

If we are to exclude the general populace for the crimes set forth in the bills, then we need to exclude all those that have broken the same laws. No exception.

This is bad legislation set forth by the Mayor and Police Chief to vent their "sour grapes" attitudes and anti-gun beliefs. It's time we stop pandering to these two bullies.

Respectfully,

Jim Vaughn

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To; All city council members,
and Mayor,
Re; 06-140-Amending Sect. 9.36.100,
Lincoln Municipal Code relating to
possession of firearms.

I'm very disappointed in how
this ordinance change seems to
have come about. The personal
differences between the mayor's
office (warranted or not) and at
least some of the City Council
led to an unsatisfactory resolution
or dealing with of the concealed
carry ban.

In response it seems both sides
support this ordinance to appease
the worriers in the public and
save face. As representatives
you need to work together and
put the public first and personalities,
if not last then second.

I can see the concern with some
of the offenses listed in regards-

- to possessing firearms. Others are about ridiculous. A person could lose a fundamental right, guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, for urinating in an alley downtown at 1:30 in the morning. Nearly all people getting DUI's are driving around after drinking too much. Not driving around drunk with loaded firearms.

You are seeking to deny possession of firearms, for home protection, hunting and other legal uses so as to limit those who may apply for a concealed weapon permit.

You are taking away a basic right that has traditionally only been revoked by a felony charge for good reasons. This is not a minor privilege. This ordinance also seeks to punish people retroactively (10 yrs.) for mistakes they have paid for. The other unconstitutional -

- aspect of this ordinance is that it seeks to punish people, not for a crime committed, but for something that is feared might happen.

If passed it is my sincere hope that this and the 2003 Ordinance are challenged and repealed.

P.S. Why not add parking tickets to the list.

Sincerely,
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Friendship Home

Safe Shelter and So Much More for Battered Women and Their Children

August 14, 2006

Patty Newman, Chair
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office
County-City Building
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Chairwoman Newman:

I'm writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of Friendship Home, to express our strong support for resolution 06-140, amending Section 9.36.100 of the Lincoln Municipal Code.

Most domestic violence occurs behind closed doors. This proposed ordinance would help address both the abuse that occurs behind closed doors and anywhere else in the city limits, by making it illegal for persons convicted of domestic abuse to own a firearm.

The **most dangerous time** for battered women is often when they make the decision to leave their abusers. This is the time at which the batterer most frequently escalates from verbal abuse, threats and physical violence to the use of weapons in an attempt to regain control over his victim. This is the time when the violence often comes out from behind closed doors into the public arena, as the batterer attempts to pull his victim back into the battering relationship.

Simply put, this ordinance would help protect battered women and their children.

Therefore, we strongly support amending Section 9.36.100 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to the unlawful possession of firearms by adding convictions for crimes including domestic assault and other crimes of violence and crimes which are indicators of a higher probability for violence to the list of offenses which would preclude possession of any firearm.

In our experience, once women are in shelter, batterers often continue to terrorize them with threats, stalking them at work, school, shopping. Some threaten violence against the shelter. We need your help to protect the Friendship Home staff and volunteers, families in shelter, law enforcement officials, and others who are at our facilities. We also ask you to ban anyone, except officers of the law acting in their official capacity, from carrying firearms or other dangerous weapons in facilities serving victims of domestic violence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Amy Evans
Executive Director

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Subject mosquito spraying

I would like to know how much Lincoln taxpayers are paying to be sprayed with more chemicals? I understand the program is cost prohibitive and am extremely angry over the outrageous property taxes we are forced to pay to cover programs such as this one that cannot be logically justified.

I recommend that each and every one of you educate yourselves on both sides of this extremely serious issue before allowing these trucks to begin adding even more chemical to our already chemical-laden and fragile environment.

Dr. Brian Rogers, City Health Authority of Fort Worth, TX says "spraying a mosquito population that is less than 1% infected with a rare virus that infects humans 1% of the time, does not seem to validate the risks involved with massive spraying." "Spraying will result in risks to citizens far in excess of 1%!"

Boulder Co tried to implement a spraying program and it's citizens rebelled and demanded a natural approach.

I could go on for pages but the point is that I do not want myself, my family, friends, animals, plants, beneficial insects I have a right to enjoy, exposed to this chemical. There is no way you can prevent that with any certainty. Family members have asthma, compromised immune systems, environmental sensitivity and other conditions that will be exacerbated from this. You are aware that it will be difficult, if not impossible to connect their medical problems with your spraying so have no fear of lawsuits.

Your thinking should be elevated from the 80's and 90's antiquated thinking that chemicals are the answer. They only cause more problems in the long run than they ever solve in the short term. Most mosquitoes are able to hide from it and fewer than 1% are even affected according to current research. I should not have to breathe someone else's cigarette smoke and by the same token should not have to be exposed to chemicals I'm against applying in the first place.

Please take the time to look at and/or implement new, more sophisticated approaches that are readily available and not put your citizens at more risk than they already are. You have a responsibility to the masses first; the few that have contracted the illness need to have medical insurance to cover their costs.

Sandy Anderson



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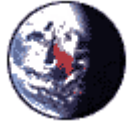
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Comment or Question:

Regarding the proposed change in 9.36.100, "It shall be unlawful for any person to possess any firearm within..." I have a few questions. Are the additional offenses for which an individual may be restricted from possessing a firearm new to the criminal code? If not, why were those offenses not included in the 2003 ordinance? What about the individual who is, under the State statute, legally carrying a concealed weapon, but not be in lawful possession under the proposed change, who may be stopped for a traffic infraction while traveling through the city? My final comment is that law abiding citizens will continue to be law abiding while a scofflaw will not mend their ways no matter what laws are passed.



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Subject Conceal and carry restrictions

Dear counsel members: I am not against a conceal/carry law; However, concealed weapons do not belong in certain areas. These areas being, school buildings, city council chambers, police stations, court rooms. The other areas, such as bars, banks, eating places, and etc., should left up to the owners and managers of these places. I also believe that certain people whom have committed certain crimes, should not be allowed to carry concealed weapons. I firmly believe that the State Patrol is well suited in this matter, and will not issue a permit to these types. The State law pretty much covers such matters and the building that do not allow concealed weapons can be covered by posting such a notice/notices. Be carefull that you do not invoke lawsuits, by complicating the law processes.

Sincerely
Daniel J. Longley



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Subject Concealed weapons

We would hope you stop trying to undercut the concealed weapons bill with city ordinances.

Give it a chance and you will find it works with no nit picking needed. There are laws on the books already both state and federal so no additional interference by city councils are needed. Law abiding citizens deserve better treatment.

LeRoy Penlerick

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Subject DUIs and GUN PERMITS DON'T MIX

To All Members of the Lincoln City Council,

I appreciate all of the hard work you are doing to come up with a gun restriction ordinance for Lincoln. In the August 15 Lincoln Journal issue article by Deena Winter the following is included:

"Gary Muckel, a retired USDA scientist, called the proposed ordinance 'nothing more than overreaction or sour grapes' by those who oppose the state conceal-carry legislation.....He said the ordinance would unjustly punish a hypothetical 21-year-old who gets caught twice for driving under the influence of alcohol in one weekend."

"But Casady said the ordinance was written to give a second chance to people who made mistakes like two DUIs."

What the H___ are these two thinking of? It's okay that someone who has 2 DUIs should still be able to get a permit? Muckel's is worse perhaps because anyone 21-years-old is just old enough to be of legal drinking age in Nebraska. And what if Casady's example picks up a DUI one weekend and a second DUI two months later? BOTH ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO RECEIVE A CONCEAL PERMIT.

I say this from experience. I drank (and drove) for 20 years. I am a thankful recovering alcoholic with 15-1/2 years of continuous sobriety. And my personality (like many, many people with alcohol problems) is such that if we had been able to carry a concealed weapon while I was drinking, I would either be dead or in prison. Alcohol and guns don't mix!! I still have some of the personality traits I had when I was drinking--and I know that while I could get a conceal permit, I won't get one. I'm smart enough to know it would be bad for ME.

Please make DUIs a very important issue as you discuss this ordinance.

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Subject Gun Ordinance

Council members:

I would appreciate anything you can do to make Lincoln a safer community.

Please pass the ordinance tightening the gun law by adding the additional crimes to the list, as proposed.

Thank you.

Mary Jo Schlotfeld

Lincoln, Nebraska



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Subject Budget Comments

I have negative reactions to some of the council positions on the budget.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER

It's hard for me to believe that you think that a growing city of about 225,000 doesn't need a traffic engineer. Do you intend for traffic engineering to be completely ignored in Lincoln or just to be given a very low priority? Also, your actions may be giving City employees the message that if you don't agree with the advice or recommendations that one of them provides to the Council, you will eliminate that person's position. You should be looking for the best advice available. After receiving the advice, you can make an informed decision. Don't stifle the input!

PARKS MAINTENANCE

The public parks of a city can make either a positive or negative impression on visitors, potential employers, potential residents and, of course, current residents. I think that the parks already look pretty seedy due to past cuts in staffing.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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Subject Budget comments

I would like to commend the city council in making tough decisions in reducing the city budget. The special interests of city employees is certainly understandable but their approach has been entirely unacceptable, in my opinion. I would urge each of you, if you are seeking public office, to not accept any financial support from ANY public employee union. It has been obvious from the past two mayoral elections of how the fire union has had an impact on the results of the election. As a result, the fire department budget has been "hands off" as far as any cuts. I have pointed out several times in the past how they could save some \$40,000 per year by not using fire trucks to go to grocery stores, the racket club, and other personal business that they use fire apparatus for transportation. (In addition to grocery shopping I have observed rescue squads at drive ins at banks, at Valentinos at lunch time, and at boat stores.) In light of the city employee's testimony and news releases, I will file a complaint every time I see a city employee that gives the appearance of not putting in a full days work or not being courteous to me when I call for assistance or information.

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August 15, 2006

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CITY COUNCIL
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David Anderson
 1834 "G" Street
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Dear David:

The Real Estate Owners and Managers Association (REOMA) of Lincoln has proposed that the Lincoln Housing Authority (LHA) increase its payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to five (5) percent of LHA's total operating revenues. After a thorough review of this proposal, the Lincoln Housing Authority has decided that such a change would not be in the best interest of the City of Lincoln or the low income families that we serve.

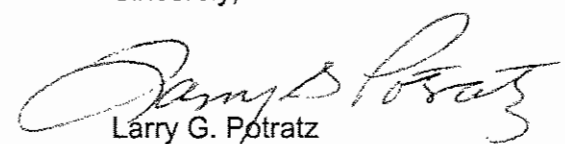
Enclosed please find the formal report prepared by LHA in reviewing your request. The conclusion of the report lists the principal reasons for the LHA's decision.

To provide easy access for all interested parties, LHA will post the formal report on its web site within the coming days. Our web site can be found at www.L-housing.com.

Thank you for your interest in our operations and programs. We appreciate your patience as we reviewed your request during the past two months.

If, after you review the enclosed report, you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


 Larry G. Potratz
 Executive Director

Enclosure
 c: LHA Board of Commissioners
 Mayor Coleen Seng
 Members of City Council

**REPORT ON THE
REOMA PROPOSAL
FOR ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS
IN LIEU OF TAXES**

August 10, 2006

The REOMA organization has proposed that the Lincoln Housing Authority (LHA) make a commitment to compensate the City of Lincoln because of the LHA's governmental tax-exempt status. REOMA suggests that the LHA pay five percent (5%) of our gross operating revenues including the federal funds we receive to assist extremely low income tenants rent units from the private sector. The model for the 5% request is Lincoln Electric System's 5% contribution of its total revenues to the City of Lincoln for payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT). Based upon REOMA's estimate, using LHA's prior fiscal year financial data, the amount which would be paid by LHA is estimated to be \$942,733. With the recognition of current taxes and PILOT already being paid by LHA, the balance would require an additional payment of \$660,530 to the City of Lincoln. To fully understand how REOMA's request would affect the citizens of Lincoln, the Housing Authority believes it is important to review our purpose, our role, and our responsibilities to the Lincoln community.

LHA PURPOSE AND HOUSING NEEDS

The Lincoln Housing Authority is enjoying its 60th year of service to the Lincoln community and the low income citizens of Lincoln. The LHA was created by the City of Lincoln to be responsible for addressing the affordable housing needs of its citizens. Our purpose as a public agency has always been to assist lower income citizens to meet their basic shelter needs and to improve the quality of life in Lincoln, by offering decent, safe and sanitary housing. Without our service, the City of Lincoln would not have sufficient, low cost, good quality housing choices for Lincoln's lower-income citizens.

The need for safe, decent and affordable housing continues to be a concern for the City of Lincoln and, therefore, the need for the LHA's services continues to be high. The need for our services is clearly recognized in the current Lincoln City/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan last updated in 2002. The City's desires for affordable housing are:

Affordable housing should be distributed throughout the region to be near job opportunities and to provide housing choices within every neighborhood. Preserve existing affordable housing and promote the creation of new affordable housing throughout the community.

One of Lincoln's most valuable community assets is the supply of good, safe, and decent single family homes that are available at very affordable costs when compared to many other communities across the country. Preservation of these homes for use by future generations will protect residential neighborhoods and allow for many households to attain the dream of home ownership.

A safe residential dwelling should be available for each citizen: the efficiency apartment and the country estate, the small single family "starter" home and the large downtown apartment suite, the most affordable and the most expensive dwelling unit, completely independent living and living within the care of others. Provision of the broadest range of housing options throughout the community improves the quality of life in the whole community. Yet this diversity of housing choices directly depends upon achieving affordable housing. Housing affordability is not merely important for the community, it is imperative. Lack of affordable housing directly impacts citizens' assets and opportunities, which in turn shape the community's assets and opportunities. Failure to achieve housing affordability reduces the quality of life for income groups disproportionately, creates widespread hardships and stress, and retards the City's collective abilities to address community problems and objectives.

The 2000 Housing Census data indicates that 6,578 rental households in Lincoln pay more than 50 percent of their income for rent. An additional 7,276 rental households pay between 30 percent and 49.9 percent of their incomes for rent. This means that 36.5 percent of all rental households are paying more than 30 percent of their income for rent. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) considers housing to be affordable if the cost of rent and utilities does not exceed 30 percent of a household's income. Approximately 94 percent of the renter households that pay in excess of 30 percent of their income for rent have incomes classified as low income (below 80 percent of the area's median income). The high cost of housing for these families negatively affects their ability to provide for the other necessities of life such as food, medical costs, and transportation costs for employment opportunities. The high cost of renting also

negatively impacts the community's economic development efforts by reducing the amount of disposable income and the City's ability to attract workers for newly-created job opportunities which pay below the City of Lincoln's "living wage" rates.

Within the city of Lincoln, there are estimated to be 42,258 rental units. The Lincoln Housing Authority owns and/or manages 1,391 units of affordable housing, which is a 3.3% share of the total city of Lincoln rental market.

TOOLS AVAILABLE TO LHA TO MEET THE HOUSING NEEDS OF LINCOLN'S LOWER INCOME RENTERS.

While the LHA is faced with many challenges in meeting the housing needs of Lincoln's lower income citizens, the "tools" available to the LHA are limited.

The LHA is one of a few governmental entities that does not have the power to tax citizens. Further, the LHA does not receive a direct allocation of tax dollars from the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, or the State of Nebraska. To meet the city's housing needs, the LHA must rely on discretionary federal or state funding programs as well as our ability to issue tax-exempt bonds and the income from rents collected from our tenants. Federal funding makes up approximately 70 percent of the revenues for our operations. Rents received make up an additional 24 percent of our revenues. The primary federal programs used by LHA include: (1) the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program; (2) the HUD Section 8 New Construction Project-Based program; (3) the HUD Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program; and (4) the HUD Low Rent Public Housing program.

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program represents approximately 90 percent of the federal funds we receive. The LHA is responsible for bringing this large amount of federal funds into the Lincoln economy. The federal funds received by the LHA have been available to the Lincoln community solely because of the Housing Authority's efforts to secure these scarce discretionary federal funds. Federal funding is continually subject to adjustment based upon Congressional budget approval, program changes, and

continued high performance in administering our funds. For instance, the HUD Low Rent Public Housing program has, for the past eight years, been reduced. There has been a difference between the HUD determined funding needs to operate the program and Congressional funding approval. As a result, the LHA has received approximately 85.5% of the funding according to HUD's Public Housing formula.

The only local tool that we have to meet Lincoln's affordable housing needs is our statutory exemption from property and sales tax as a government entity.

Other tools that are available on a project-by-project basis include:

- (a) Our ability to issue tax exempt bonds with payment pledged by rents received and properties owned.
- (b) Our ability to apply for Community Development Block Grants or HOME funds, although approval for use of those funds is subject to city or state project approval and funding priorities and allocations.
- (c) Our ability to apply for State Housing Trust Funds to the extent our project fits within the annual state applied priorities.
- (d) Our ability to use IRS Section 42 Low Income Housing Tax Credit allocations administered by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and given only on competitive basis of each project submitted for tax credits.

THE LINCOLN ELECTRIC SYSTEM 5% PILOT

REOMA has asked the Lincoln Housing Authority to consider voluntarily increasing its payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to the level of 5% of its total operating revenues. Among other things, REOMA argues that the Lincoln Electric System (LES) is a "good model" for the LHA, since LES currently makes PILOT payments equal to 5% of its total gross revenue received from the sale of electricity, which are divided among the City, the County, and the other municipalities and school districts that LES serves. REOMA

suggests that LES has taken on this responsibility voluntarily because, in part, they want to be “good citizens”.

In reality, the requirement that LES must make PILOT payments was added to Lincoln's City Charter in 1966, when LES was formed, and the process was initiated to separate LES from the City. The City thus imposed the PILOT requirement on LES as a condition for its leaving city government to become a non-profit entity under an autonomous board.

Background of City Charter: The City of Lincoln was established under the authority of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, through the adoption of its City Charter. The current Lincoln Charter was enacted in 1917 and became effective in 1919.

Article VIII of the City Charter governs “Streets, Public Improvements, Public Utilities, Special Assessments”. As originally enacted, Section 12 of this Article provided that the City was entitled to receive the income from all public utilities, which included the municipal electric system. Section 12 further provided that such income was to be applied to the payment of the current expenses of the utilities and to interest on any bonds issued for purchase or construction, with the surplus, if any, to be used for extending or improving the system or retaining it as a sinking fund for the payment of bonds.

Creation of LES: On February 1, 1966, LES was formed as a non-profit entity to provide electric energy to and around Lincoln. As a part of this separation and formation process, the City Council proposed an amendment to Article VIII, Section 12, of the Charter, which was approved by the voters on May 10, 1966, establishing the requirement of PILOT payments. This amendment added the following proviso to Article VIII, Section 12:

Provided, however, that five percent of the total gross revenue received from the sale of electricity within the corporate limits of the City of Lincoln and any incorporated city or village within which it sells electricity at retail, less an amount equivalent to the payments in lieu of taxes required to be made by the City directly or indirectly with respect to property within or operations

conducted by the City shall be paid annually in lieu of taxes, and divided among the state of Nebraska, county of Lancaster, municipality and school district within which the tax is collected, in the proportion that their respective property tax mill levies in each such year bear to the total of such mill levies.

In November 1996, Article VIII, Section 12, was further amended to identify the priority of payments in the event of a revenue shortfall and to provide that PILOT payments are to be subordinate to the operation and maintenance expenses and the payment of debt served on the outstanding obligations of the Lincoln Electric System.

As this history makes clear, the City required enactment of the PILOT payment provision as a condition for LES to become an independent, autonomous entity. LES did not voluntarily agree to make such payments, and there is no indication that the amount of the PILOT payment was negotiated by LES with the City. Instead, the PILOT requirement was part of the political decision which was made by the City to allow LES to become independent of city government. Further, by requiring the PILOT payments, the City has been able to collect a hidden property tax on ratepayers equal to 5% of their utility bills.

In contrast with LES, LHA receives the vast majority of its income from federal funds, most of which goes to private landlords. The second largest source of income for LHA is rent collected from lower income citizens. Approximately 443 LHA units have rents solely based upon 30 percent of the monthly income of the renter household. If the household has \$100 per month income, the rent collected is \$30.00.

USING FEDERAL FUNDS AS PART OF THE 5% PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES CALCULATION.

The REOMA proposed PILOT to be paid by the LHA is calculated using the federal funds the LHA receives as if it is income to LHA. As stated earlier, federal funds make up 70 percent of the Housing Authority's budget with the vast majority of the federal funds coming from the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. The Section 8 program

uses federal funds primarily to pay private landlords the difference between what a very low income LHA client can pay for rent (usually 30 percent of adjusted gross monthly income) and the actual contract rent of the unit set by the landlord and consistent with the local market rates. The LHA administers 2,800 Section 8 vouchers.

The federal voucher program has limits on how the funds can be expended. The payment in lieu of taxes using Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher funds is not a permitted use of these federal funds. As mentioned by David Anderson in his presentation to the LHA board on June 8, 2006, private landlords use the payment of these housing assistance funds to cover a part of their operating costs including the payment of property taxes. Because HUD Section 8 funds cannot be diverted by the LHA to make a payment in lieu of taxes as required by REOMA, the payment of the \$660,530 would result in substantial and unaffordable rent increases solely on our properties that do not have HUD or IRS-controlled rents. This large rent increase would cause an undue hardship on our very low income tenants and would result in the creation of homeless families who could not afford the rent increases needed to pay the PILOT or the rents currently charged in the non-assisted private housing rental market.

THE ARNOLD HEIGHTS STORY

The LHA has a long history of involvement with the Arnold Heights neighborhood and surrounding areas. In 1950, the LHA was responsible for the "Huskerville" housing (converted World War II barracks) that was rented to lower income citizens in need of inexpensive housing. In 1966, with the deactivation of the Lincoln Air Force Base, the Housing Authority entered into an agreement to temporarily care for, protect and operate the Air Force housing built for Air Force personnel after World War II. The LHA closed Huskerville and encouraged the Huskerville tenants to move into the newer Air Force units.

The federal government initially wanted to dispose of all of the "on base" housing through a bid process. In 1967, City of Lincoln elected officials and department heads met

with the board of the LHA to explore the issues of possible uses for the “on base” housing units. The elected officials were concerned that converting other deactivated military bases to market housing had resulted in the development of instant slums. The City of Lincoln encouraged the LHA to pursue the purchase and control of the Air Base housing to prevent development of a slum area.

Because the LHA did not have the funds needed to close a deal with the federal government at the time, the Housing Authority pursued federal funding to develop low-rent public housing units using the Air Base housing. The receipt of the federal funds was conditioned upon the City of Lincoln adopting a “Minimum Housing Standards” ordinance. However, the passage of the ordinance was rejected by the Lincoln citizens in 1967. The LHA and the City of Lincoln then turned their attention to having the Housing Authority borrow private funds using LHA’s ability to issue bonds. However, to pay off the bonds, the LHA would need rents that would be sufficient to retire the debt and the incomes needed by the tenants to pay those rents would have put the units out of reach for lower income individuals.

State law at the time required that housing developed by local housing authorities serve low income households. With the City’s support, the Unicameral approved a change in state law to accommodate the Lincoln Housing Authority’s purchase of Arnold Heights using bond funds. The state statute 71-1536(3) reads:

(3) Nothing contained in the Nebraska Housing Authority Law shall be construed as limiting the power of an authority of a city of the primary class to rent real property acquired from the federal government which is not, in the determination of such authority, by reason of its cost or the nature of its construction, suitable for low-income housing, to such tenants for such rentals as the authority shall determine reasonable, based upon the cost and the nature of the construction of the property, until such time as the property is adapted to low-income housing or disposed of by such authority.

In February of 1969, the City Council passed a resolution supporting the Housing Authority's purchase of the Air Base housing units. The resolution, No. A-57217, indicates the City's concern about ownership of the Air Base housing.

"WHEREAS, the imminent and pending disposition of the housing area presents the City of Lincoln with serious problems unless such disposition and future operation is controlled to the end that such problems are considered;"...

In April 1969, just one month before the federal government was to put Air Base housing up to public bid, the Lincoln Housing Authority's offer of \$5.5 million for the purchase of the 1,000 housing units was accepted by the federal government. During 1970, several agreements and City resolutions were passed affecting the Arnold Heights infrastructure and the approved Community Unit Plan with annexation into the City of Lincoln.

In one of those agreements, the City of Lincoln agreed that the open spaces and public streets and improvements would be dedicated to the City of Lincoln. The LHA would maintain the open spaces and remove snow until 75% of the total housing units were sold into private ownership. At this time, the maintenance performed by the LHA would become the responsibility of the City or a homeowners association. The Housing Authority closed on the initial purchase of the 1,000 Arnold Heights housing units on July 30, 1970.

In 1971, the City of Lincoln approved the Arnold Heights Replat to reflect lot lines and easements. The original intent of the LHA with the City's approval, was to retain 600 of the 1,000 units and sell the remaining 400 units on a "graduated basis" to assure that the real estate market was not flooded with 400 units at one time. The LHA, without federal funding for the 600 units reserved for the HUD Low Rent Housing programs, sold over 500 of the units. The sale of the 500 units was sufficient to retire the bonds used to purchase the 1,000 housing units from the federal government.

The LHA has maintained the level of its ownership at about 500 units for the past 35 years. As a result, the neighborhood has remained a vibrant, safe and strong neighborhood for the families who live there. Currently, the U. S. Census indicates that 71 percent of all of the units in the Arnold Heights census tract are renter-occupied. The Census indicates that the median household income for all Arnold Heights residents is \$39,375, with owner occupant median household income at \$47,370 and renter median household income at \$37,000.

With its ownership of 500 units, the LHA has invested a substantial amount of funds in upgrading its housing units and providing needed services and programs to the area. Listed below are the annual projects, programs and maintenance provided by the LHA to the Arnold Heights area:

- Mowing, on a regular basis, 65 acres of open green space.
- Mowing, on a regular basis, 3.5 acres of road right-of-way along the west side of NW 48th Street.
- Mowing, on a regular basis, along ½ mile of a creek bed in the southern portion of the neighborhood.
- Removing snow from approximately 9.5 miles of streets in the neighborhood after each snow fall.
- Funding the development of the Arnold Heights Neighborhood Subarea Plan for attachment to Lincoln's Comprehensive Plan.
- Providing rent-free, a two-unit duplex to serve as the Arnold Heights public library operated by the City of Lincoln.
- Providing a financial contribution for the purchase of playground equipment for Arnold Public School.
- Providing a contribution of land and cash for the creation of Eagles View Park and Playground.

- Providing rent-free space for the Arnold Heights police substation.
- Developing the Arnold Heights Carol M. Yoakum Family Resource Center in 1994. The Family Resource Center offers the following programs:
 - Accredited day care operated by Cedars Youth Services
 - Food distribution program
 - Summer youth programs
 - Low income bus passes
 - WIC program space
 - Clothing exchange program
 - Family fun night and family respite programs
 - GED classes
- Providing staff as Lead agency to the Arnold School Community Learning Center program in conjunction with the Lincoln Public Schools.
- Providing financial support for the Arnold Heights Neighborhood Association.
- Providing support for the Arnold Heights Annual Neighborhood clean-up program.
- Providing space and water for the Arnold Heights community garden plot.
- Providing, as indicated in the LHA Arnold Heights Property Needs Assessment, LHA reinvestment funds in the LHA-owned Arnold Heights rental units of \$14.8 million over a 20-year plan period.

LHA "PROFIT" AND "CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS"

While the LHA operates in a very business-like manner with goals and objectives to be met, it does not generate a "profit" for distribution or tax assessment purposes. All monies earned in excess of our expenses are retained for project reserves. In those years where our expenses exceed our income, such as years where major capital improvement expenditures are needed or made, we rely on our reserves to carry us through the budget year. The Housing Authority has a 20-year capital improvement plan for all projects owned or managed by the LHA. The various written capital improvements plans allow LHA to plan for the replacement of major building systems, components, and updating of kitchens and

bathrooms. Each capital improvement plan has a funding target to ensure sufficient funds will exist to cover the cost of improvements over the 20-year period of the plan. The LHA's Investment Committee and Board regularly review the reserve funding targets on a quarterly basis. The Housing Authority has, to this point, successfully balanced the provision of units with affordable rents for lower income citizens with the need to provide quality, well-maintained units to sustain their long term use and viability as affordable housing units.

While REOMA may seek to characterize the housing-related programs and financial support for various housing-related agencies as "charitable gifts", the Lincoln Housing Authority views Friendship Home, Fresh Start, Lincoln Medical Education Partnership New Heights/Pathways project, County Extension Service Nutrition Education Program, and the City of Lincoln Office on Aging Congregate Housing Services Program as our partners in meeting Lincoln's need for low income housing.

CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAM.

One program in particular saves Nebraska taxpayers substantial outlays. The Congregate Housing Services Program, started in 1994, provides supportive services to allow frail elderly residents located at Mahoney Manor, Burke Plaza and Crossroads House to remain there. "The goal of services is to help eligible individuals maintain their independence, improve quality of life and avoid institutionalization through coordinated supportive services. The program prevents premature or unnecessary institutionalization and allows residents of these buildings to age in place," (Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Resident Services Programs Program Report, December 2005). Without this program, LHA's frail elderly would be forced to move to nursing home care at a monthly Medicaid cost of over \$3,500 per month, per client according to the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging.

If the LHA were to terminate this program in August 2006, 18 LHA tenants would have to be placed in a nursing home facility. Because they are low income, they would be Medicaid eligible. One year of living in a nursing facility for these 18 tenants would cost

Nebraska taxpayers \$725,328 annually. Services provided to the frail elderly under the Congregate Housing Services Program include taxi coupons, personal care and housekeeping assistance. Additionally, the program provides eligible tenants with noon meals Monday through Saturday.

FRIENDSHIP HOME

Friendship Home has partnered with the LHA since 1991 to provide transitional housing for victims of domestic violence. The program uses six units owned by LHA to transition victims and their families from the Friendship Home shelter to LHA units. The Housing Authority provides additional financial support to Friendship Home to operate the transitions program.

FRESH START

Since 1992, the LHA has provided a payment for each client housed to allow Fresh Start to assist single homeless women unaccompanied by children to become stabilized and prepare the women to live independently.

NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM

Since 1992, the LHA has partnered with the Lancaster County Extension office to provide partial funding for the Nutrition Education Program. The primary purpose of the program is to provide nutrition and food resource education to households receiving LHA housing assistance. The program shows the participant households how to achieve proper nutrition within a very limited household budget.

NEW HEIGHTS/PATHWAYS TO SELF SUFFICIENCY

Since 1996, the LHA has partnered with the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership to assist 28 households living on the LMEP campus to become self-sufficient. This program ties health care provided by LMEP education programs with low income housing tenants. The LHA funds provide staff for LMEP to provide self-sufficiency case management services to the families.

OTHER IMPORTANT HOUSING RELATED PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY LHA

- Joint Venture Lincoln Public Schools/LHA–Northeast High School Program.
The LHA teams up with the Lincoln Northeast High School construction class to build a new single-family home every year. LHA has been operating this program since 1994. The homes are sold to clients in our public housing and Section 8 programs.
- Northwood Early Head Start Program. In 1999, the LHA converted office space and one apartment into the Northwood Early Head Start Center. The center, operated by Cedars Youth Services, provides infant and toddler day care for up to 24 children under the age of three (3). The space and outside play area is provided to Cedars without cost.
- LHA Downpayment Assistance Homeownership Program. The LHA has been providing lower income rental clients with down payment assistance of up to \$3,750 per household. The funds are to assist tenants to become homeowners. Since 1991, the LHA has provided over \$1.4 million to assist 404 LHA tenants to become homeowners.
- LHA Self-Sufficiency Program. The LHA provides case management and financial assistance to 100 current participants in the LHA Self-Sufficiency Program. LHA uses funds to assist very low income tenants to become self-sufficient from welfare assistance. The funds provide tuition and book assistance for GED and college classes as well as assistance for day care and transportation. Personal goals are assigned to each participant. LHA has graduated 177 individuals since the inception of the Self-Sufficiency program. Eighty-one (81) of the graduates have purchased their own home.

LINCOLN'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING MARKET HAS UNDERGONE CHANGES

The provision of affordable housing for Lincoln's lower-income residents is a very distinct housing market. Over the past 15 years, the choices for improved quality and

locations available to lower income residents have significantly increased. Most of the changes have been spurred by the development of new or rehabbed units under the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program (LIHTC). Within Lincoln, it is estimated that 1,253 units specifically set aside for households at or below 50 to 60 percent of the area's median income have been constructed or rehabbed. Rents under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program are restricted through the program's rules and regulations and an executed land use restrictions agreement is used for the participating properties. The LIHTC units, whether new or rehabbed, offer units with many amenities not previously available to lower income tenants. With the use of the Section 8 Voucher program, tenants can rent the new LIHTC units with the various amenities at the same cost to the tenants as they would pay for older, "tired" units without many of the desired amenities. Additionally, the tax credit units have improved the level of customer service over that previously provided to lower income families. Because the units are frequently inspected by the LHA, the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, and the asset managers hired by the limited partners whose equity could be jeopardized by poor management, the units are well cared for and customer service is the rule. The LIHTC program has shown that lower income clients are no different in their needs, wants and desires than higher income renters. The need for security, the expectation of a well-built and maintained unit, the provision of top notch management of the units, and the desire for an improved quality of life is common among all tenants. Sadly, many landlords have not recognized this change in the affordable housing market and have been slow to improve their housing units and/or slow to provide improved customer service. As a result, many of these landlords are uncompetitive in the current Lincoln affordable housing market.

The LHA believes it is meeting the demands of the affordable housing market in several ways. We provide HUD-assisted units for the extremely low income citizens within Lincoln as well as low cost, non-assisted and tax credit units for Lincoln's working poor households. We have reinvested heavily in our properties and have provided needed

services to improve our tenants' quality of life. We strive to offer the best customer service possible, even though federal funding cuts have caused a reduction in the number of our employees.

There is still a significant need for rental property owners in the affordable housing market. The LHA cannot be expected to meet all of the City's affordable housing needs. The Housing Authority currently owns and/or manages 1,391 units within the city of Lincoln. The estimated total number of rental units in Lincoln exceeds 42,000 units. The LHA has slightly over three percent (3%) of the total rental units in Lincoln. According to the REOMA website, REOMA members account for 7,000 units or over 16.6% of Lincoln's rental units.

CONCLUSION

After thorough review of REOMA's proposal that the LHA pay 5% of its total income as a payment in lieu of taxes to Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln, the Housing Authority respectfully declines to comply with this request.

Our reasons for rejecting this proposal include:

1. There are significant housing needs that remain within the city of Lincoln. To meet those needs, LHA, as the City's provider of assisted and affordable housing, must have adequate financial resources. Exemption from real estate taxes is the only financial support we have been given by the state, city, and county to meet the housing needs of Lincoln's lower-income citizens.
2. Imposing a 5% levy against the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program funding would not be an allowable expense under the HUD Section 8 rules and regulations. Private landlords are already using portions of these funds to meet the expense of property taxes levied against their rental properties assisted with Section 8 funding.

3. An increase in the PILOT above what the LHA is currently paying would seriously impair our ability to properly maintain and operate our current low-income housing stock, resulting in poor housing and neighborhood conditions for Lincoln's lower income citizens and the neighborhoods in which our tenants reside, and cause others to have a negative opinion about LHA and the people we serve.
4. An increase in the PILOT above what we currently pay would jeopardize our ability to continue funding for important community housing programs such as Friendship Home, Fresh Start, and the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership New Heights/Pathways programs. Housing and client support programs, such as the Congregate Housing Services Program, would also have to be eliminated and would have a particularly negative impact on the elderly and disabled households assisted by the LHA.
5. The LHA receives 70 percent of its affordable housing budget from federal funds. Over the last 12 years, these funds have been reduced or under-adjusted for inflation and/or threatened with elimination. In some cases, to ensure landlords received their payments on time, the LHA has been required to use its own funds until HUD's budget was approved or HUD corrected a funding error. The ability to accumulate reserve funds or the ability to substitute LHA funds for cuts in federal funds is needed to ensure the continued and dependable operation of the federally-funded programs as required within HUD's rules and regulations.

The Lincoln Housing Authority has considered the implementation of income limits on 140 unrestricted units. Northwood Terrace, Heritage Square and Lynn Creek were all acquired by the Lincoln Housing Authority. Each property has an interesting history behind its acquisition. Our review of these properties found that almost all are occupied by low-income households. Since the 140 units only make up .3 percent of Lincoln's rental market

and their locations are within lower income neighborhoods, LHA will not impose income limits at this time. LHA will continue to study this issue further and monitor income trends when new tenants are placed in these units.

The implementation of income limits will not be imposed on the non-assisted units located in Arnold Heights. The LHA believes a mix of incomes in the Arnold Heights neighborhood is crucial to the City's desire to create a good place to live and raise a family. The Arnold Heights neighborhood is currently a safe and vibrant neighborhood. The investment by the LHA in the neighborhood and the way LHA has managed its properties has directly affected the success enjoyed by the Arnold Heights neighborhood.

The Lincoln Housing Authority believes it is accomplishing the desired goal of the City of Lincoln, when the Housing Authority was first requested by the City of Lincoln to purchase the Arnold Heights units. Our list of accomplishments and contributions to the Arnold Heights area is extensive. As long as we maintain our level of units in Arnold Heights, we will continue our commitment to keep Arnold Heights an excellent place to live.



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Subject Budget

Thank you Council members for your recent decisions with regard to the budget. I know the process was difficult however, you seem to be listening to the citizens of Lincoln and responding accordingly. There are just as many private citizens who vote as there are government employees. Please stay the course. Again, our thanks.

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Dan Kurtzer, President

August 17, 2006

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Karl Fredrickson, Director
Public Works & Utilities
City of Lincoln
555 South 10th Street
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Dear Karl:

On behalf of the members of the Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association we would like to thank your staff for their professional conduct during the planning and budgeting process of 2006. It is our intent to support your department on the increases of the landfill tipping fees that you have planned.

Your staff presented us a comprehensive briefing on the future plans and operations for the City-County landfill. They informed us on their future construction and expansion plans required to keep up with the current usage. They presented us with their costs of operations, and their proposed intent to increase the gate fee. They sought our input and they listened to our suggestions.

The most important factor in our willingness to support the proposed increase of \$4.00 per ton tipping fee, is the fact that you have held the line on past increases. It has been several years since your last tipping fee increase. If your style had been to increase often and aggressively, our support would have been more difficult. In addition, we know that statewide and regionally, we have relatively low tipping fee. And we do appreciate the professional and quality landfill operations.

We truly appreciated your cautious, conservative and thoughtful approach to raising fees, and that style has contributed to your staff earning our trust and respect.

Thank you and your staff for taking the time, being professional, and listening to our input. We look forward to serving you well into the future.

Respectfully,



Dan Kurtzer, President

cc: Lincoln City Council
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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

August 12, 2006

TO: Members of the City Council

RE: Southwest Wastewater Treatment Facility Study

Last week prior to the meeting I sent an e-mail (copy attached) encouraging you to further review the options available and I thank you for the decision to do the study.

Since that time, I was able to locate the referenced newspaper article and enclose a copy for your review.

I spent a lot of time in Wilderness Park when I lived in Lincoln and really hope future generations will be able to have the same experiences I had.

Main Identity

From: "Linda Schrock" <lschrock@neb.rr.com>
To: <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 8:19 PM
Subject: Proposed Sewage Plant near Wilderness Park

As someone who has enjoyed Wilderness Park for many years, I would ask the Council to review all potential options before taking action. Just this past week, there was an article on the editorial page of the World Herald about the importance of the connection between earth and its people. As more and more land gives way to housing developments, we really need to preserve the wilderness areas we have.

I would support the suggestion that a cost-analysis be done to see if there isn't a better way to solve the waste water situation. And the location so close to an area where citizens use the water for recreation certainly invites problems.

Linda Schrock
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(I lived in Lincoln from 1959 until about a month ago when I moved to Seward to be nearer to my grandchildren)

8/7/2006

Omaha World Herald Aug 5, 2006

Yes, playing outdoors is healthy

BY JONATHAN GURWITZ
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

So a group of international health experts conducted a study that found playing outside is good for kids. Really.

The respected health journal *Lancet* recently published its findings. "Just making sure children play outside will double the amount of physical activity they get," an Associated Press story quoted the study's lead author, Dr. Lars Bo Andersen of the Norwegian School of Sports Science.

Kids don't necessarily need strenuous exercise to be healthy, the research found. They just need to be active.

In other health news, breathing is good for you and eating less might help you to lose weight.

How has it come to this? A partial answer would come not from the field of medical science but instead from sociology. Maybe the world isn't a more dangerous place than it was 30 years ago, but it certainly feels as though it is.

Summertime used to mean turning kids loose to do mostly as they pleased. Now, parents worry about exposing their children to every sort of menace beyond the four walls of home.

From the environmental realm come ozone health alerts and fecal coliform warnings. From the animal kingdom arise fears about West Nile virus and Lyme disease. And from the

beast kingdom, child predators emerge.

The promise of modern technology is that it makes the world smaller and better. But the same technology that gives us the Internet, chat rooms and brilliantly graphic video games — while spawning a generation of home-ridden zombies in the process — also nourishes parental anxieties about a world that seems bigger and badder.

And that's where another partial answer can be found. "It's not just that children should be more active. It's the whole family," said Dr. Ram Weiss, a pediatrician at Hebrew University Medical School and the author of a commentary about the study in *Lancet*.

On July 20, the *Wall Street Journal* ran a front-page story about the latest "fantasy" sports craze — never mind that fantasy sports and sports share the same relation as pornography and love. At computer screens across the country, adults are indulging themselves in fantasy fishing contests.

ESPN and FLW Outdoors sponsor fantasy fishing leagues. Players "compete" for cash prizes, boats and large-screen plasma televisions — just what this crowd doesn't need.

Used to be that fishing was recreation. You'd go fishing in-

stead of working, mowing the yard or hearing a sermon. And catching wasn't nearly as important as spending some time outside, in the fresh air, on the water with friends or, better yet, with children.

There's even an organization dedicated to getting adults to share their angling activities with kids: The Take Me Fishing campaign and its Web site, www.takemefishing.org, are products of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation.

A few weeks ago, I struggled to wake my children up at 5 a.m. to go fishing. They arrived, groggy-eyed, at the marina in Aransas Pass to meet fishing guide Capt. Gary Tinnerman an hour later.

We watched the sun rise over the Gulf of Mexico. As a rain shower popped up, we saw a magnificent rainbow that stretched from horizon to horizon in the morning sky. We talked about jellyfish, pelicans and porpoises and ate soggy sandwiches. And, oh, yes, we caught some fish.

I fear that Dr. Andersen and the Take Me Fishing folks are fighting the same losing battle on two different fronts: one against a social and technological trend and the other against apathetic parents. Maybe a partial remedy can be found in parents who can share with their children the eternal promise to humanity of a brilliant sunrise and a vivid rainbow.

**ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006**

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng will announce plans to conduct an assessment of the Lincoln Fire Department administration at news conference on 08/18/06 at 3:00 p.m.
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City To Contract With Talent Plus To Assess Lincoln Fire and Rescue Procedures.
3. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of August 19 through 25, 2006-Schedule subject to change.
4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Downtown Bike Lane Installation Begins.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Pam Baker - RE: Gun Law.
2. E-Mail from Larry J. Jones - RE: Gun Law.
3. E-Mail from Richard Wiese - RE: Gun Law.
4. E-Mail from Darlene & Jim Koski - RE: Gun Law.



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DATE: August 18, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will announce plans to conduct an assessment of the Lincoln Fire Department administration at a news conference at **3 p.m. today (Friday, August 18)** at **Talent Plus**, located at **One Talent Plus Way (near 67th Street and Pioneers Blvd.)**.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 18, 2006

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CITY TO CONTRACT WITH TALENT PLUS TO ASSESS LINCOLN FIRE AND RESCUE PROCEDURES

Mayor Coleen J. Seng announced today that the City of Lincoln will contract with Talent Plus, a global human resources consulting firm with over 200 world-class, quality, growth-oriented clients, locally, nationally and internationally, headquartered in Lincoln, to conduct a management assessment of the personnel and administrative procedures of the Lincoln Fire and Rescue Department.

Talent Plus will focus on three items in working with the City. First, conduct individual assessments of administrative, management and supervisory positions within Lincoln Fire and Rescue. Second, conduct an assessment of the management and administrative policies of the Fire Department and identify changes to improve the business operation of the department. Third, identify an ongoing management and leadership program for the personnel in the department to enhance ongoing management practices and performance.

"This assessment, and the implementation of changes it may recommend, will establish a business administration plan for the department and provide management development for its supervisors," Seng said.

Talent Plus has assigned John Becker, a senior consultant, to be the project manager of this six month contract for the three purposes stated by Mayor Seng. "John has a broad understanding of city government having worked for the Lincoln Police Department for 31 years prior to working for Talent Plus. He will lead a team of Talent Plus associates who will assist with the assessment and interviews. As project manager, John will serve as the management consultant to the Fire Department Administrators," stated Kimberly Rath, Managing Director and President, Talent Plus.

"Talent Plus made a very strategic decision several years ago to continue its presence in Lincoln and built the building we are standing in today. Talent Plus continues to look for ways to strengthen the community, not only by employing nearly 120 individuals, but by improving opportunities and life outcomes for all citizens in Lincoln and its client cities through financial contributions and community outreach. By partnering with the City in this cooperative venture, Talent Plus is again extending itself."

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Talent Plus will begin Monday working with the Fire Department Managers on these initiatives. Initial assessments will identify the best-qualified individual to serve as interim Fire Chief. Advertisements for a permanent Fire Chief will begin by September 1. Talent Plus will consult with the City Personnel Department to interview finalists for this position. As well, the six-month contract should allow Talent Plus to assist with the transition of the permanent Fire Chief selected.

Offered John Becker, Senior Consultant, Talent Plus, "Talent Plus is an organization that works with companies across the globe. In fact, last week alone found Talent Plus associates in Singapore, Hong Kong, Moscow, Grand Cayman, as well as locations across this continent. Each day we are working to help our clients retain and acquire top talent."

About Talent Plus

Talent Plus' focus is on strength development and is recognized as a company that assesses a company's current bench strength thinking about cast and fit, looking at current operations and then operationalizing a process that continues to build on that strength. They look at talent – the recruitment, selection, recognition and development of that talent – through a process that builds upon an organization's current strengths, enhancing it to fully utilize the talents of those within, *building a talent-based culture*.

Talent Plus does this through the utilization of a time-tested, scientific approach of studying top performers, first developed by Dr. William E. Hall, a Talent Plus co-founder, University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor and the co-founder of what is now the Nebraska Human Resource Institute (then Nebraska Human Resources Research Foundation). Today, client partners are able to further define their culture through the acquisition, retention and recognition of top talent.

Through the series of proprietary, structured interviews, Talent Plus is able to:

- Analyze top performers to define success criteria.

- Scientifically measure an individual's talents against industry and corporate benchmarks.

- Predict an individual's aptitude to perform a specific job with excellence.

Talent Plus has worked with numerous large private and publicly held businesses, as well as state and federal agencies in identifying and selecting talent and once selected, assisting clients with plans to further develop, reward and recognize that talent, working to create a Talent-Based Organization™. Client companies have found that this increases not only the individual performance of an associate, but the overall performance an organization by shifting to a culture that selects, recognizes and rewards talent.

Talent Plus associates moved into the company's current corporate headquarters in December 2004. The three-story, all-glass building "Showcases our associates and clients and is a building of museum quality. Through the simplicity of its clear exterior and interior walls, the heart of our business and its inner relationships can be reflected," offers Talent Plus Chairman Doug Rath.

Of importance in the design phase was the culture of Talent Plus. "We want visitors to feel the warmth and welcoming nature of this space and have opportunities to interact." The building was designed to promote interaction and communication consistent with Talent Plus' Mission, Vision and Values. The building allows Talent Plus to accommodate planned growth – with plans to more than double its current size.

Talent Plus' decision to build in Lincoln came after looking at alternative sites in Chicago, Dallas and Colorado Springs. Rath and his wife, Kimberly, Managing Director and President of Talent Plus, have called Lincoln home since the 1960s. "The number one reason we stayed is the people; the human capital in Lincoln is extraordinary."



NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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Date: August 18, 2006

Contact: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule
Week of August 19 through August 25, 2006
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, August 19

- Rotary 14 International Student Picnic, remarks - 12:15 p.m., Holmes Lake Picnic area 2
- Burlington Northern Sante Fe Machinist Union Picnic - 3:30 p.m., west end of Pioneers Park (area 2)

Monday, August 21

- City-County Common Meeting - 8:30 a.m., County-City Building, Room 113



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DOWNTOWN BIKE LANE INSTALLATION BEGINS

The approved downtown bike lanes located on 14th Street from "L" Street to "R" Street and 11th Street from "Q" Street to "K" Street are now being installed. The striping of the lanes, painting of bike lane street markings and installation of bike lane signs has begun. This addition to the downtown street network will be completed by the end of next week. The bike lanes are for the exclusive use of bicyclists. Motor vehicles may cross over the bike lane to move into another appropriate travel lane, to enter or exit on-street parking spaces or to enter or exit private property. Motorists are not to use the bike lanes for continuous travel down the street.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2002 required the completion of a plan to accommodate bicycle traffic downtown. This bicycle plan was developed as part of the Downtown Master Plan process. A bicycle planning expert assisted the city in studying possible locations for bike lanes and connections to trails and other bike routes.

After the Downtown Master Plan was adopted as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan in September 2005, City staff began working on implementation of the recommendations. Meetings have been held with downtown business leaders, property owners along the proposed routes and bicycling advocates. A public open house was held on July 13 to present and discuss the 11th and 14th Street bike lane design proposals.

Following a public hearing on July 24, the City Council adopted an amendment to the City Code on identifying bike lanes as a legal application on our city streets.

For more information on the bike lane project, please visit the City's website, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: bike lane). You may also call the Public Works and Utilities Department at 441-7711, or the Planning Department at 441-7491.



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Comment or Question:
Dear members of the City Council,

I hope you will prohibit firearms from child care centers, family violence services providers' offices and other human service providers' offices, at the very least. I urge you to take action to protect our most vulnerable citizens by keeping guns away from children, people in need and those who serve them.



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Comment or Question:

The Honorable City Council and Mayor, Lincoln, Nebraska:
I am 71 years old, semi-retired and a Veteran of the Korean War Police Action in 1955. Over the years of my Military Service, Public and Private Law Enforcement Service, I have had the training and opportunity to carry a weapon concealed and non concealed on many of my jobs and service duties. I am asking that you vote to standardize the carrying of concealed weapons through out the State to enhance the protection factor of all of us who obey the law and won't carry concealed without the proper training and license. During my law enforcement careet in Nebraska and Illionis, I had a plethora of training and qualifying to carry concealed, but due to being hospitalized for thirty days for a nervous breakdown years ago, I have chose to follow the law and dispose of my firearm a long time ago. Even with restrictions in the law, allthough, I did carry non concealed with proper permits for a time after my recovery from minor paranoia. As an ardent supporter of the NRA, I am asking you to look at the bottom line of safety that standardizing the right to carry will provide for us that obey the law. The simple fact is that more guns will be on the street in the hands of law abiding citizens that could use them to save your life or prevent crime. I take this position not lightly, due to the times that we live in, in both Lincoln and Omaha, and all of our State, and for the simple philosophical reason, "THAT IT WILL NEVER BE POSSBLE TO HAVE A POLICEMAN AND HIS WEAPON AGAINST CRIME ON EVERY CORNER," thus the only percentage of crime prevention that will ever be known, is that which is generated by police and media reports of the incidents.

The human frailties that will cause death and injury due to none criminal activities with the additional exposure to weapons, is a reasonable risk to take considering the absence of a policeman on every corner will never change.

Thank you for your service and consider the safety of one of your own loved ones could be enhanced by making the right to carry laws, uniform and non restrictive in the State of Nebraska.

Respectfully,

L. J. Jones

Omaha, Nebraska

that the right to carry concealed



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Comment or Question:

I am asking you to oppose the mayors anti freedom /anti gun 06-140 and 06-141 bills. This is just an attempt to further restrict the people of Lincoln from defending themselves and their families.

Thank you
Please respond.

Richard Wiese
Huskergun@aol.com



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Subject GUN LAW

Please note:

We are in opposition to the 2 new anti-gun ordinances that have been proposed and will be voted on on Aug 21.

Thank you

Darlene and Jim Koski

Lincoln, NE